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1. THE COUNTRY TEAM INCLUDING AGAT PREFERS INITIAL ALLOCATION OF 70,000 MT FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) TOTAL VEGOIL IMPORTS IN PAK FY/1977 ARE LIKELY TO BE IN RANGE OF 230,000 TO 250,000 TONS, AND GOP HAS ASKED US TO PROVIDE AS MUCH AS \$80 MILLION WORTH UNDER PL-480 WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO ABOUT 135,000 TONS. CONSEQUENTLY, WE BELIEVE IT VERY LIKELY WE WILL BE PRESSED TO PROVIDE MUCH MORE PL-480 VEGOIL THAN THE MENTIONED 70,000 TONS.

(B) WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR GOP PLANNING PURPOSES TO KNOW IN EARLY FY/77 THAT PAKISTAN WILL BE RECEIVING AT LEAST 70,000 TONS AS INITIAL ALLOCATION. THIS WILL HELP THEM IN THEIR FINANCIAL PLANNING AND MAY DISCOURAGE EARLY PURCHASES OF PALM OIL.

(C) GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAS MADE FIRM COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE DOMESTIC VEGOIL PRODUCTION STRATEGY BEFORE THE END OF CY/76 IN AGREEMENT OF AUGUST 10, 1976.

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(D) WE WOULD ADVISE GOVERNMENT THAT SALES AGREEMENT

FOR 70,000 TONS WOULD NOT BE SIGNED UNTIL THIS COMMITMENT HAD BEEN HONORED.

(E) IN THE EVENT ADDITIONAL OIL BECOMES AVAILABLE UNDER PL-480 AFTER JANUARY 1977, WE WOULD SEEK FIRM GOP UNDERTAKING TO CARRY OUT SPECIFIC POLICIES/ACTIONS AS CALLED FOR IN STRATEGY STATEMENT AND AS CONCURRED IN BY US.

2. AID IS WORKING WITH AGRARIAN MANAGEMENT MINISTRY TO UPDATE GOVERNMENT VEGOIL REQUIREMENTS AND SCHEDULING OF IMPORTS AND WILL CABLE THESE TO WASHINGTON AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

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